

Philadelphia, August 22, 1777

PHILADELPHIA, *August 22, 1777.* By an Express arrived last Evening from General SCHUYLER to CONGRESS, we have the following important Intelligence.

Van Schaick's Island, in the mouth of the Mohawk River, August 18th, 1777.

SIR, *I have the honor to congratulate Congress on a signal Victory obtained by General STARK; an account whereof is contained in the following Letter from General LINCOLN, which I have this moment had the happiness to receive, together with General BURGOYNE'S instructions to Lieutenant-Colonel BERN; Copy whereof is inclosed.*

Bennington, August 18th, 1777.

“DEAR GENERAL, “THE late signal success of a body of about 2000 troops, mostly Militia, under the command of Brigadier-General STARK, in this part of the country, on the 16th inst. over a party of about 1500 of the enemy, who came out with a manifest design to possess themselves of this town, as will appear by the enclosed, is an event happy and important--Our troops behaved in a very brave and heroic manner; they pushed the enemy from one work to another thrown up on advantageous ground and from different posts, with spirit and fortitude until they gained a compleat victory over them.

“The following is the best list I have been able to obtain of the prisoners, their killed and wounded, viz. One Lieut. Colonel, 1 Major, 5 Captains, 12 Lieutenants, 4 Ensigns, 2 Cornets, 1 Judge Advocate, 1 Baron, 2 Canadian Officers, and 3 Surgeons, 37 British Soldiers, 398 Hessians, 38 Canadians, and 151 Tories taken--The number of wounded fallen into our hands, exclusive of the above, are about 80.--The number of their slain has not yet been ascertained, as they fought on the retreat for several miles in a wood, but supposed to be about 200. Their artillery which consisted of 4 brass field pieces, with a considerable quantity of baggage likewise fell into our hands. We have heard nothing of

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Burgoyne or his army for these two days past. The prisoners are sent into the State of Massachusetts-Bay except the Tories; shall wait your directions respecting them, as most of them belong to the State of New-York. I am, dear General, with regard and esteem, your very humble Servant, **B. LINCOLN.**

N.B. We had about 20 or 30 killed in the action, and perhaps 50 wounded.”

Copy of Orders from Lieut. General BURGOYNE, to Lieut. Colonel BERN. Dated near Saratoga, August 14th, 1777.

SIR, The accounts you have given me are very satisfactory, and I doubt not every proceeding under your direction will be the same.

I beg the favour of you to report whether the route you have marched would be practicable for a large corps with cannon, without repair, or with what sort of repair.

The desirable circumstance at present for your corps is to possess Bennington, but should you find the enemy too strongly posted, and maintaining such a countenance as would make a coup-de-main too hazardous, I wish you to take such a post as you can maintain till you hear further from me, and upon your report, and other circumstances, I will either support you in force, or withdraw you.

Will you please to send to my camp, as soon as you can, waggons and draft cattle, and likewise such other cattle as are not necessary for your subsistence; let the waggons and carts bring off what flour and wheat they can, that you do not retain for the same purpose. I will write to you in full to-morrow, in regard to purchasing horses out of the hands of the savages; in the mean time let them be assured that whatever you select from them fit to mount the dragoons, shall be paid for at a proper price. I have the honor to be, with great esteem, Your's, &c. Lieut. Col. BERN. J. BURGOYNE, Lieut. General.

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I am in hopes that Congress will very soon have the satisfaction to learn that General Arnold has raised the siege of Fort Schuyler: If that takes place, I believe it will be possible to engage two or three hundred Indians to join this army, and Congress may rest assured that my best endeavors shall not be wanting to accomplish it.

I am informed that General Gates arrived at Albany yesterday.

Major Livingston, one of my Aids, will have the honor to deliver you this despatch.

I am, Sir, with every sentiment of respect, your most obedient humble servant, **PHILIP SCHUYLER**.

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